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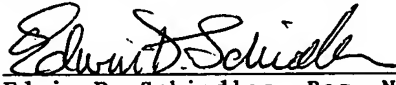
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§1.136(a), for a five-month extension, until Monday, December
23, 2002, in which to file a Response to the "Notification of
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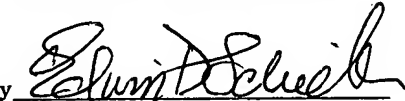
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2002, for the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response expired on July 21, 2002. The requisite fee of \$980.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Appellant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any additional fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the present application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.